

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES
OF PHILADELPHIA.

1859.

January 4th.

President LEA in the Chair.

Forty-eight members present.

Mr. W. Parker Foulke presented some cones found in April, 1853, by Mr. Samuel I. Goucher, on a peak of the Blue Mountain, near Mount Holly Springs, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Durand stated that he had examined these cones, with a few leaves accompanying them, and had no doubt they were from the *Pinus pungens*, or table mountain pine, which he believed had not been previously recognized so far north.

January 11th.

Dr. CARSON in the Chair.

Thirty-seven members present.

Mr. Cassin read a letter from Mr. P. B. DuChaillu, dated Fernando Vaz River, Western Africa, September 28th, 1858, containing the following passages:

"Since I left the Gaboon in 1857, I have explored the Camma or Fernando Vaz river and the Ogobai river, which is a branch of the Camma, but was prevented from ascending the latter by the natives. I have ascended also to the distance of about two hundred miles the Rembo and the Ovenga rivers.

"The country of the Nazareth and the Camma is intercepted by large rivers, creeks and lagoons going in every direction into the interior, and to all of which the natives have given distinct names. Some of these rivers are wide and deep, and would be navigable for steamers to a great distance. In some places the soil is very rich and in others sandy; the ebony and red wood trees are very abundant.

"One of the most interesting facts that I have determined is, that the Cannibal tribe (the Paeins) which I met with on the head waters of the river Muni, seem to terminate in the interior, up the Nazareth river, the banks of which are inhabited by various tribes calling themselves Orounga, Ogobai, Pandjai, Aninga, Okanda and Apindgi; none of these are cannibals, and they speak of the Paeins as farther north and in the interior, and my conclusion is, that this cannibal people either follow the mountains, which I think take here an eastern direction, or that they cease. Up the Rembo, which is the main branch